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1. SUMMARY: OVERALL DOMESTIC POLITICAL IMPACT OF PM RDLAK'S
TRIP TO PEKING HIGHLY FAVORABLE, ESPECIALLY AMONG CHINESE. THERE
IS SOME UNHAPPINESS WITH MOVE IN MALAY COMMUNITY, BUT IT IS
ESSENTIALLY
LOW-LEVEL, AND SHOULD BE EASILY DEALT WITH BY RAZAK. GOM SECURITY
SERVICES ARE DISTURBED BY PROSPECT OF INCREASED TRAVEL TO AND
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FROM CHINA. END SUMMARY.

2. REACTION TO PM RAZAK'S PEKING HAJ IN LOCAL CHINESE COMMUNITY APPEARS TO BE HIGHLY FAVORABLE, MAY 30 LOCAL CHINESE-LANGUAGE PAPERS WERE DOMINATED BY HUGE PHOTOS OF CHAIRMAN MAO AND TUN RAZAK AND LOOKED LIKE THEY COULD HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN PEKING. LEADER OF GERAKAN RAKYAT MALAYSIA, CHINESE BASED PRO-GOVERNMENT POLITICAL PARTY TOLD EMBOFF THAT QUOTE SINCE RAZAK TALKED TO MAO HIS STOCK AMONG CHINESE VOTERS IS WAY UP END QUOTE. OPPOSITION DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY SEC-GEN CLAIMS THAT ALTHOUGH CHINESE HAPPY WITH RECOGNITION MOVE, GENERAL FEELING IS IT HAS BEEN DELAYED TOO LONG. A SENIOR UNITED MALAYS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (UMNO) LEADER, WHO CLAIMS HE PERSONALLY OPPOSES RECOGNITION, HAS SAID PRIVATELY THAT MALAYS IN VILLAGES NOT REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT "INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS", AND INCLINED TO LEAVE THEM TO TUN RAZAK. LOW-LEVEL MALAY POLITICAL TYPES ALSO HAVE EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS WITH SO MUCH PUBLICITY FOR CHINA.

4. TAIWAN CONGEN EXPECTS MAY 31 TO BE THEIR LAST BUSINESS DAY IN KL AND THERE NO INDICATIONS YET GOM HAS APPROVED PRIVATE SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION. THEY ARE NATURALLY EXTREMELY DEPRESSED, AND CONSUL TOLD EMBOFF QUOTE IF TUNKU (ABDUL RAHMAN) WERE STILL IN POWER, AT LEAST WE WOULD HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO PROTECT OUR POSITION END QUOTE. CONSUL GENERAL CHANG TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT HE WOULD BE RETIRING HERE, HE WILL RETURN TO TAIWAN. OTHER FOCUS OF UNHAPPINESS IS SOVIET EMBASSY WHOSE OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY WITH DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES TO OBSERVE THAT PRC EMB IS SURE TO BE A DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCE AND GOM WILL LIVE TO REGRET MOVE. GOM OFFICIAL SECURITY SERVICES ARE ALSO EXHIBITING UNEASINESS OVER GOM-PRC RELATIONS. IN AN ANALYSIS OF VOICE OF THE MALAYAN REVOLUTION (VMR) BROADCAST OF MAY 25 WHICH RATIONALIZES ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN GOM-PRC, (PARA 3, REF A), AN OFFICIAL GOM CLASSIFIED PUBLICATION COMMENTS THAT PEKING GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO PRESS FOR REDUCTION OF IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS TO FACILITATE THE QUOTE EXCHANGE OF FRIENDLY VISITS END QUOTE. CONVERSATION WITH LOCAL CHINESE REVEAL A NOT UNEXPECTED INCREASE IN INTEREST IN TRAVEL TO CHINA IN REACTION TO RAZAK TRIP. GOM WILL FIND IT HARD TO INHIBIT SUCH TRAVEL WITH PRC EMBASSY IN KL.

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4. COMMENT: INITIAL DOMESTIC POLITICAL IMPACT OF PEKING TRIP APPEARS TO BE HIGHLY FAVORABLE, ESPECIALLY SINCE GOVERNMENT IS WEAKEST AMONG CHINESE VOTERS. ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR END OF JUNE SHOULD PROVIDE SOP FOR THOSE MALAYS WHO ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT "PUBLICITY" FOR CHINESE. SECURITY SERVICES HAVE NEVER REALLY FAVORED PEKING MOVE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY WILL HAVE TO CONTEND WITH MONITORING OF PRC EMBASSY

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